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Kerper, Edmund

[Cincinnati, OH]

1929 - 1930

EDMUND KERPER
CINCINNATI

2841 Madison St.

Curator of Ancient Coins,
Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you would be good enough to advise me as to how I can purchase Ancient Greek coins so as to be sure of authenticity and getting fair value. I recently made a few purchases here but Cincinnati really has little to offer in that respect. I am a member of the Cincinnati local branch of the Archaeological Society of which Professor Tanner

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is the head.

Does your museum ever have duplicate coins for sale?

Appreciating your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

Edmund Kerper

Jan. 2. 1925

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EDMUND KERPER
CINCINNATI

2841 Madison St.

The Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
N.Y. City.

Dear Sir,

Would appreciate your courtesy in advising me if your society issues a periodical publication and if you receive subscriptions.

Recently I became interested in ancient Greek Coins and your further courtesy would be appreciated in advising me how I can best purchase such coins at a fair price.

Sincerely yours,
Dec 2. 1929 Edmund Kerper

December 5th 1929

Mr. Edmund Kerper
2841 May Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Responding to your inquiry of December 2nd, the publications of our Society are in a series known as the "Numismatic Notes & Monographs". These are issued from time to time, but usually the combined value of the numbers printed during the year is greater than the amount we receive for dues as an Associate Member. As many of these monographs are concerned with Greek coins, I should suggest your applying for Associate Membership, and as a step in this direction, I take pleasure in enclosing an application card.

Do you ever come to New York? It would be much easier to advise you by word of mouth. There are a few dealers in Greek coins in this country,- Mr. Wayte Raymond, Ritz Tower, 465 Park Avenue, New York, Mr. Henry Chapman, 333 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and to a lesser degree, The St. Louis Coin & Stamp Company, 408 Olive Street, St.Louis, Missouri. But most of these dealers carry a limited stock and are inclined to specialize in higher priced coins.

Could you tell me the size of your collection at present? If you will pardon the seeming inquisitiveness, it would also aid if you could give me some idea of the amount you propose to spend annually for adding to your collection. Do you receive the catalogues of foreign auction sales? Please feel that I am glad to respond to your inquiry, and that I should welcome further information as an aid to helping you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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December 10, 1929

Mr. Edmund Kerper,
2841 May Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Kerper:

Since queries regarding coins should be addressed to the American Numismatic Society, 156th Street and Broadway, New York City, I have forwarded your letter to them.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Gisela M. A. Richter

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EDMUND KERPER
CINCINNATI

2841 Vine St.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,

My dear Mr. Noe,

Enclosed find applic-
ation in hand.

Belong to the local branch
of the Archeological Soc. of America.
Recently we had a lecture by
Mr. Seltman of Cambridge, England,
on Greek Coins. I bought from
him two Alexander the Great gold
staters. Then had the idea of
adding others to these if I found
there I could get them at a fair
market price and on the assumption
that the coins would grow in

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value.

Say in the course of the next year some $400 could easily be available, - but more important to me than the amount would be a desire to buy growing value and to start out by not paying more than fair value. The Gold coins, partly from individual preference, have the more appeal.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Edmund Kerper

Dec 20/29

To the Secretary of

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME Edmund Kerper

ADDRESS 2841 May St Cincinnati Ohio.

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of [redacted] $100.00.

PROPOSED BY: Sydney P Noe

December 17th 1959

Mr. Theund Korper
[illegible] Bay Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Korper:

Thank you for your note of the 10th, and for your application card which will be before the Council to-morrow. The information you gave me is a help.

Although the price of Greek coins has risen fairly steadily in the past few years for pieces in fine condition, I should not be treating you fairly if I did not warn you that purchasing them for such an increase in value is as much a speculation as purchasing any other commodity would be. The price which you pay to a dealer for them includes as his profit something of the increase he might obtain if he delayed his sale. Furthermore, if you were forced to sell at auction the coin you had purchased from a dealer, it is unlikely that you would obtain the price that he had forced you to pay. By placing yourself in the hands of a reputable dealer you would avoid the risk of accumulating counterfeits, but this is another pitfall for the unwary.

I do not mean to be discouraging, and if you were able to visit our museum, I should like to try to have you obtain something of the joy that comes from the possession of a beautiful object, which is the active motive power of our collectors who are willing to pay for that pleasure in the form of the interest on that they invest in, and to risk the possibility of receiving ultimately no more than what they pay for the coins which have given them this pleasure.

As for gold coins, the Greeks did not strike a great many varieties of them, nor are they considered as beautiful as their silver coins. Have you any books on the subject? You should find MacDonald's "Coin Types" in the University Library. If I can help you further, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

December 14,1929

Mr. Edmund Kerper
2841 Hay Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kerper:

As I anticipated in my recent letter, you were unanimously elected an Associate Member of our Society, at a meeting of the Council held yesterday.

According to our by-laws, members elected after the November meeting, do not pay dues for the year in which they are elected unless they desire the publications issued during that year. If, therefore, I do not hear from you to this effect, we shall date your dues from January 1st, and send you a memorandum to cover at that time.

Awaiting your further favors, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

January 14, 1930

Mr. Edmund Kerper
2841 May Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your telegram and the catalogues to which it referred, have been received, all in good condition. I am very glad that they have proved useful to you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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My dear Mr. Nor,

I am enclosing check for $10.60 : $5.00 dues, $5.60 for books. I thought I had paid the latter that accounts for delay. I had ambitions of copying the figures but finally had photo stats made and gave Dr. Hirst

2 of the University a
copy of each.

Thanking you again
for your most courteous
treatment.

Sincerely
Edward Keeler

Jan 17 '30

P.S.

Don't bother to send

receipts.